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WASHINGTON, October 8, 1992 -- Weekly intermodal traffic on the nation's railroads continues to outperform 1991 levels, although other railroad traffic has declined slightly, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

Intermodal traffic totaled 145,998 trailers and containers during the week ended October 3, putting it 5.5 percent ahead of the 138,333 units moved in the comparable 1991 week.

Total rail carloadings for the week, excluding intermodal, declined by 1.8 percent to 335,478 from the same period last year. The AAR estimated total traffic for the week ended October 3 at 21.4 billion ton-miles, down 0.9 percent.

Dr. Harvey A. Levine, vice president of the AAR's Economics and Finance Department noted, "On a cumulative basis, railroad traffic is mirroring a very stagnant economy."

For the first 40 weeks of 1992, railroads originated 12,933,867 carloads of freight, up 1 percent from the first 40 weeks of 1991. However, intermodal traffic totaled 5,066,986 trailers and containers, up 7.3 percent. Total traffic was estimated at 813.8 billion ton-miles, up 2.6 percent from the first 40 weeks of 1991.

Railroads reporting to the AAR account for 94 percent of carloadings and 97 percent of intermodal volume.

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# WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
## FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 1992

**CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP**

| COMMODITY | WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 1992 | COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991 | CHANGE | COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Grain | 27,271 | 31,875 | -14.4 % | 26,304 | 3.7 % |
| Farm Products, Ex. Grain | 1,923 | 3,033 | -36.6 | 1,558 | 23.4 |
| Metallic Ores | 19,218 | 16,685 | 15.2 | 16,224 | 18.5 |
| Coal | 121,985 | 127,572 | -4.4 | 126,984 | -3.9 |
| Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel | 15,982 | 15,000 | 6.5 | 15,626 | 2.3 |
| Nonmetallic Minerals | 8,726 | 10,219 | -14.6 | 8,733 | -0.1 |
| Grain Mill Products | 10,136 | 9,883 | 2.6 | 9,989 | 1.5 |
| Food & Kindred Products | 9,432 | 9,232 | 2.2 | 9,437 | -0.1 |
| Primary Forest Products | 8,931 | 9,311 | -4.1 | 9,438 | -5.4 |
| Lumber & Wood Products | 5,437 | 5,181 | 4.9 | 5,870 | -7.4 |
| Pulp, Paper & Allied Products | 10,514 | 10,395 | 1.1 | 10,693 | -1.7 |
| Chemicals | 29,506 | 28,542 | 3.4 | 28,539 | 3.4 |
| Petroleum Products | 5,094 | 5,153 | -1.1 | 5,626 | -9.5 |
| Stone, Clay & Glass Products | 10,396 | 9,878 | 5.2 | 10,325 | 0.7 |
| Coke | 5,946 | 5,365 | 10.8 | 5,765 | 3.1 |
| Metals & Products | 10,115 | 10,326 | -2.0 | 10,026 | 0.9 |
| Motor Vehicles & Equipment | 20,030 | 17,852 | 12.2 | 19,856 | 0.9 |
| Waste & Scrap Materials | 8,734 | 8,811 | -0.9 | 8,726 | 0.1 |
| All Other Carloads | 6,102 | 7,479 | -18.4 | 6,778 | -10.0 |
| **Total** | 335,478 | 341,792 | -1.8 % | 336,497 | -0.3 % |

**SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES**

| TRAFFIC | WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 1992 1992 | 1991 | CHANGE | CUMULATIVE: 40 WEEKS ENDING OCTOBER 3, 1992 1992 | 1991 | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Carloads Originated** | 335,478 | 341,792 | -1.8 % | 12,933,867 | 12,810,061 | 1.0 % |
| **Intermodal Traffic Originated** | | | | | | |
| Trailers | 76,530 | 70,478 | 8.6 | 2,513,146 | 2,423,874 | 3.7 |
| Containers | 69,468 | 67,855 | 2.4 | 2,553,840 | 2,298,628 | 11.1 |
| **Total** | 145,998 | 138,333 | 5.5 | 5,066,986 | 4,722,502 | 7.3 |
| **Estimated Ton-Miles** | | | | | | |
| **Class I Railroads (Billions)** | 21.4 | 21.6 | -0.9 % | 813.8 | 793.5 | 2.6 % |

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